

REMARKS

Amendments to the Claims

Entry of the above amendments to the claims is respectfully requested. Claims 73-75, 79-80, 84-89 and 92-108 have been canceled by this amendment.

The 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) or Alternatively 103(a) Rejection


Claims 73-75, 79-80, 84-89 and 92-108 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as allegedly being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Carpino et al. (U.S. 6,110,932). Applicants submit that the cancellation of these claims renders the present rejection of these claims moot.

Conclusion

Applicants, having addressed all points and concerns raised by the Examiner, believe that the application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request an early and favorable action in light of the foregoing amendment and remarks.

Respectfully submitted,

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